FAILURES WERE FEWER,

Their Proportionate Number Showing a Striking Decrease.

HEAVIEST IMPORTS-EVER KNOWN.

Though the Calance of Foreign Trade As

Still in our Favor. IRON BUSINESS SHOWS THE POOREST ming into insensibility three of his fellow-

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 .- R. G. Dan & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The most prosperous year ever known in business closed to-day with strongly favorable indications for the future From nearly all points comes the report that the holiday trade has been the largest ever known, and while wholesale trade is not usually ective at this season of stocktaking, it is

w remarkably large. ing a less number than in any year since 1886, and showing a difference in favor of the present year, as compared with 1891, of crease, being \$114,000,000 in 1892, against | with his wife. \$150,000,000 in 1891, and a nearly similar amount in 1890

the largely augmented number of traders and the enormous increasing transactions in the year render these figures very significant. Only 1 in every 113 traders in the United States succumbed in 1892, against 1 in every 93 in 1891, and 1 in every 92 in 1890. The average liability of the failures in the last year was \$11,000, being the lowest average reported since 1878. Bank Clearings the Largest.

ttlements through clearing houses outside New York in December were, apparently, the largest ever made in any month, exceeding last year's by more than 10 per cent. For the year the volume is also about 10 per cent larger than last year and the argest ever known.

Railroad earnings in December show an increase of about 3 per cent over last year and for the year an increase of about 5.5 per cent. The foreign trade has been smaller than last year; in volume of exports at New York \$7,800,000 in value for he part four weeks, and at cotton ports about \$10,000,000 less; but imports at New York have been \$3,000,000 larger, and the month still shows a great excess of exports. For the year the excess of merchandise exports has been not far from \$70,-000,000, with the largest imports and the argest total of exports and imports ever

nown in any year. The year closes with all woolen, cotton and silk machinery fully employed, and unsold stocks of goods are lighter than usual, white the demand for the coming season dready exceeds the capacity of many mills. The orders in drygoods are extraordinary. been 309,000,000 pounds, against 246,000,000 last year, and foreign imports have been the largest ever known, with a domestic supply cut slightly behind the largest.

Boots, Shors and Iron Goods. Shipments of boots and shoes from the

have been 8 per cent ingger than los year, and nearly 5 per cent larger than in any previous year, while the increase in ten years has been over 50 per cent.
At Pittsburg, iron is slower and the demised for finished product is diminishing; but glass is fairly active. The iron situation

in Cleveland is improving but remains week at Poiladelphia. Generally in fron the trade is weaker, the demand for finished products being at pres-ent light; but steel rails have been reduced to \$25 per ton, and sales of 78,000 tons have fullowed. This great industry has been much affected by the market for the securities, which has been depressed for some months by foreign selling and monetary un-certainties, so that companies have been restricted in purchases of rails and supplies.

average price. Speculation in products has been com-puratively inactive, though wheat has been advanced by a Western pool nearly 2 cents. Cotton has been steady and strong with ciminished receipts.

But for the past week stocks have been stronger, gaining about \$2 per share in

Features Noted by Bradstreet's. Produtred's to-morrow will say: The features of the general trade situation this week are found in continued duliness; stimwere are found in continued duliness; stim-ulus to the coal trade due to the coal snap; the announcement that Southern pig iron stocks are oversold; competition by makers for orders for manufactured iron and steel; he cut of \$1 per ton by the steel rail comnation; lower prices for soft steel at St. uis, for rice at New Orleans, leather at tion, and corn and oats, with small ad-tes on wheat, hogs and silk goods, and iy quotations for wool, cotton, sugar attle.

s unexpected decrease of 1,631,000 of available wheat east of Rocky tains stimulated prices and trade on simultaneously, because it was sted, and, to some people, inexpli-The missing wheat had been shipped orthwestern clevators, and no doubt nart reappear again. Snow storms istmas celebrating caused part of trently heavy decline, but it is no for the regular weekly de-

available wheat stocks to Exports of wheat from both week (flour included) equal ishels; 3,106,000 bushels one

11,000 bushels in the week two and 1,898,000 bushels three

ation on Wall Street. e week has been distin-its dullness and the abteral features. The ap-I with its changes and restraining influence which was reinforced of the recent squeeze in On the other hand, the tes seemed to diminhension in regard to which overhangs the engagement on Friupression, it being action was the outexchange and not

nich govern that y. in fact, be aslack inquiry for oderstood that ave increased prehensive in high level of old exports market was iderations, om the in-

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IN THE GORDON SAND.

l'eople's Gas Company's No. 160 Dixor Due To-Day-Others on Top of the Pay -Some Good Showings in Butler County Pools.

There were no wells reported yesterday The People's Gas Company's No. 160 on the Dixon farm, south of Willow Grove, was drilling in the Gordon sand yesterday afternoon and they expected to reach a pay late

A Quarryman Strikes a Dynamite Cartridge PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Dec. 30.-[Special] -William Wolcott, foreman of John Smith's blue-stone quarry near Lackawaxen, Pike county, Pa., met with a violent death

Personal J. C. McDowell, of the right of way de-partment of the National Transit Company, is lying ill with typhoid fever, at his home on Center avenue in the East End.

Two Kentuckians Show That the Code Still Flourishes in the South.

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BLOWN INTO ETERNITY.

a Little Too Heavy a Blow.

He struck the cartridge too heavy a blow

and it exploded with terrific force, hurling

workmen. His windpipe was nearly severed, one eye blown out, his lower jaw broken,

and his scalp torn in shreds. He died shortly

A DUEL TO THE DEATH.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 30 .- [Special.]-John Barnes, his wife and James Kerr, his brother-in-law, lived near Gardnersville, Ky. Monday the two men were drinking The number of failures occurring in the heavily. Yesterday morning neighbors nated States in the year 1892 is 10,344, be- broke into the house and found Mrs. Barnes lying across the bed with her head crushed beyond recognition.

Total..... Outside New York.....

afterward.

"Not included in totals,

Both men, trightfully cut, lay dead or the floor, each with a knife in his hand. 2,029. The indebtedness of the failures for | They had fought a duel after one had killed the past year, also, shows a marked de- the woman. Barnes frequently quarreled

A Movement for Independence. MONTREAL Dec. 30. -At a meeting of a

number of the leading citizens held here last night, it was decided to form a Canadian National Learne to promote - national sentiment. A large number gave their support to the movement.

Fine Fresh Candy for New Year's. A big supply just received from our New York manufacturer. No finer, better, purer candles made or sold in Pittsburg, and more different kinds than shown in any other store. Try a pound box to-day.

KAUFMANNS'
New Caudy Department.

Special Clearance Sale

Of winter wraps, cloth jackets, plush sacques, ladies fur caps, muffs and collars at immense reductions from former prices to close this season's stock before annual inventory.

H. J. LYNCE, 458-449 Market street.

We have now in store a large stock of all the finest evaporated and dried fruits, both domestic and foreign. We can do you good on these goods. Send for price lift. Goods delivered everywhere. Miller Baos., Fine Groceries and Table Delicacies, 182

Give Your Boys a Useful Present. Printing presses and outfits \$1 75, \$2 50, \$5, \$7 50, \$10 to \$31. Send 5c for catalogue, W. A. Buntino, 20 Fifth avenue, corner Market street.

Nothing Is Nicer Than a bex of Maginn's fine confections, Put up in tasty boxes. 913-915 Liberty street and 80 Federal street, Allegheny.

as completed. Four are expected to get the pay to-day in the McDonald field.

noon and they expected to reach a pay late last evening. Their No. 161 on the Dixon was on top of the sand, and No. 159 Wallace is due to-day.

Jennings & Co.'s No. 11 Bell was just on top of the fifth sand and is due to-day.

BUTLEE-Lentz & Co. got a pay in their No. 2 on the George W. Gardner farm, in the Garvin pool, at 64 feet in the sand, and it will make a 15-barrel pumper.

Golden & Co.'s No. 1 F. Needer will make a small pumper.

a small pumper.

Most of the wells drilling in the Garvin pool are shut down on account of the little water they have had being frozen up.

The McJunkin well on the Cowan farm, in Middlesex township, is good for 45 barrols a yesterday. He was damming a dynamite into a hole drilled in the rock, using an iron

day.

The Thompson Oil Company's No. 1
Thompson will make a 70 barrel well. Their
No. 2 is in the sand, but is showing light.
Collins & Heasley got 18 feet of good sand
on the T. Thompson larm, and they expect
to get a good well.

The Heckert well is in the sand and showing good.

The Gauges. The estimated production of the McDonald field yesterday was 18,000 barrels, the same as the day before. The Woodland Oil Company's No. 2 Scott was reported to be making 25 barrels an hour. The stock in the field was 45,000 barrels.

Sistersville runs were 16,890 barrels. Runs and Shipments Thursday. The National Transit runs were 32,557; shipments, 24,068. Buckeye runs of Macks-burg oil, 6,892: shipments, 187. Buckeye runs of Lima oil, 48,693; shipments, 58,539. New York Transit shipments, 39,482. Southern Pipe Line shipments, 12.297. Southwest, Pa., Pipe Line runs from McDonald were 11.610; outside of McDonald, 8,273; total, 19,883. Eureka Pipe Line runs, 18,052; ship-

19,883. Eureka Pipe Line runs, 18,052; ship-ments, 1,959.

The runs of the Western Atlantic Pipe Line on Thursday were 3,452 and the ship-ments 3,069 barrels.

The runs of the W. L. Mellon lines for Thursday were 7,549; deliveries, 8,587 bar-The runs of the Tidewater Pipe Line Com pany were 10,163; total, 117,682; average, 4,203; total shipments, 218,975; average, 7,821 bar-

The Oil Market. Range of the January option: Opening, 25%c; highest, 52%c; lowest, 52%c; closing, 52%c. Refined oil—New York 5.40c; London, 41/28 4 9-16d; Antwerp, 12%c. New) ork, Dec.*30.—Petroleum neglected throughout; not a single sale was reported.
January options, 52%c bid, offered at 52%c.
Lima oil, sales none; 18c bid, 20c asked.
OH. Cirr, Dec. 30.—Opened. 52%; highest,
52%: lowest, 52%; close, 52%; sales, 14,000;
clearances, 104,000; runs, 86,794; shipments,
01 108

A PIPE AND AN OYSTER

Recall Memories of the Day the Merrims

Sunk the Cumberland. NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 30 .- [Special.] Police Sergeant Andrew Stevens has in his possession a chalk pipe in which an oyster has attached itself. It was taken from a shoal place near where the United States steamer Cumberland was sunk in the mouth of Jennes River by the Contederate ram BABY'S Skin and Scalp purified and beautiof James River by the Contederate ram Merrimac.

It was thought possible that the pipe was washed from the wreckage of the ill-starred frigate to the point where it was found by the oyster men from whom Sergeant Stevens purchased it.

When we started this special offering last Tuesday morning we had no idea that the Public would respond to our call in such an emphatic manner. It simply amplifies a previous

statement that our announcements are read with eager interest and taken advantage of by

a discriminating and appreciative public. To-day will wind up this remarkable sale, and we advise all to hasten, for \$25, \$24, \$23 and \$22 Ulsters are not picked up every day at \$15.

Special attention is called to the fact that we have a line of \$8, \$10 and \$12 Ulsters which

have been sold previously at \$18, \$17, \$16 and \$15. These will be placed on sale this

morning. Those not wishing to pay the higher price will do well to avail themselves of

quality now marked \$15. Those that were \$18 are now \$12. Those that were \$12 now

Sweeping reductions have been made in our entire line of Fine Overcoats. The \$20

All the better qualities of Boys' U lsters, Cape and Plain Overcoats reduced to

A SUICIDE BEFORE THE GLASS.

THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31.

The Victim a Pottsville Jeweler Afflicted With Softening of the Brain. POTTSVILLE, Dec. 30 .- At 1 o'clock this afternoon Edward Fisher, a prominent Jeweler of Pottsville, stood before a mirror and fired five shots into his body, one taking effect in the tace, which may prove fatal.

Mr. Fisher has been a victim of softening of the brain for some months past.

CHOLERA fighting and the arms we have to do it with, a feature of THE DISPATCH

Fewer New Industries in the South. CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 30,-The Tradesman has compiled reports of new industries established in 1892 in Alabams, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisians, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. The total is 2,440, 323 less than for 1891, 508 less than for 1890, and 141 less

Judge Dean's Successor To-Day. HARBISBURG, Dec. 30.-It is understood that Governor Patrison will appoint Augustus S. Landis, of Hollidaysburg, successor to Judge Dean on the bench of Blair county

Distressing Skin Disease From Birth. Cured in Five Weeks, Made Healthy and Beautiful by Cuticura Remedies.

My baby boy had been suffering from birth with some sort of an eruption. The doctors called it eczema. His little neck was one raw and exposed



ought to see his skin now, smooth, even, and a beautiful pink and white color. He is as healthy as he can be. The CUTICURA RESOLVENT has given him tone vigor and strength, lenelose his portrait. Thanks to the famous CUTICURA BEAMDIES. They cannot be spoken of too highly, they have done all WM. A. GARDNER, 184 E. 123d St., N. Y.

From the age of two months my baby suffered with the ecsema on her face and body. Doctored without avail. Used CUTCUBA REMEDIES. Found them in every respect satisfactory. The child has now a beautiful skin and is cured. We cheerfully recommend the many secured. ully recommend the same to all mothers.

MRS. J. ROTHENBERG, 1663 First av., N. Y.

Cuticura Resolvent

The new Blood and Skin Purifier, internally, and CUTICURA, the great Skin Cure, and CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite Skin Beautifier, externally, instantly relieve and speedily cure every disease and humor of the skin, scaip and blood, with loss of nair from infancy to age, from pimpies to scrofula. Soldeverywhere, Price, CUTICURA, 50c; SOAP, 25c; RESOLVENT, \$1. Prepared by the POTTS: DRUG ANDCHEMICAL CORPORATION, BOSTON, Mass *"How to Cure Skin Diseases, " 64 pages, 56 llustrations, and testimonials, mailed free,

RHEUMATIC PAINS In one minute the Cutlenra Anti-Pain Pinster relieves rhen-matic, sciatic, hip, kidney, chest and miscular pains and weaknesses, Price

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



Musing and dreaming the time away— Awake, fair maiden, 'tis Christmas Day. Better a merry than a musing mood on Christmas Day.

By the way, if you have overlooked anything in the way of optical goods—O era and Eye Glasses, Etc.—come to us for it. Our assortment is as good as ever, though our stock is diminished, owing to large sales. Cheap as we always sell, we will sell cheaper this week. Want to dispose of all holiday goods.

CHESSMAN OPTICAL CO., 42 Federal St., Allegheny, Pa.

ZOELLER'S BLACKGIN

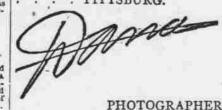
A POSITIVE CURE FOR ALL KIDNEY TROUBLES. All prominent druggists are selling Black Gin, and guarantee the same to help in all cases, as no bottle yet sold has failed to do just what has been

bottle yet sold has failed to do just what has been claimed for it. We ask you to give it a trial for all cases of Gravel, Chronic Catarrh of the Bladder, Chronic Rheumatism, Dropsy, Backache, Bright's Disease, Diabetes, and Female Complaints.

Every Bottle Guaranteed. Price, \$1.00 per bottle or six bottles for \$5.00. Be sure and get the genuine, for saie by all Druggists. WM. F. ZOELLER, Sole Prop'r.

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NEW PHOTO STUDIO. 101 FIFTH AVE., : : : : : PITTSBURG.



: OF NEW YORK IVORYETTE IMPERIALS, \$10 PER DOZEN. : :

SEND WANT ADS EARLY

For The Sunday Dispatch, in Order That They May Be Properly Classified.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.



Ladies' and Gents'

\$3.00 Shoes at \$2.18. \$3.50 Shoes at \$2.50. \$4.00 Shoes at \$2.90. \$5.00 Shoes at \$3.90.

Leading Shoe Dealer, 406, 408 and 410 | 433 and 435 MARKET ST. | WOOD STREET.

We've heard more than one hundred say within the past few days that

Is the Finest and Best

WHISKEY

For family, medicinal or social use sold in the city of Pittsburg.

Full Quarts \$1, or Six for \$5, SOLD ONLY BY

JOS. FLEMING & SON

Wholesale and Retail Druggists, 412 Market Street, Cor. Diamond.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

OVERCOATS AND SUITS

This clearance sale means business and you cannot afford to let it pass if you need a Suit or Overcoat, or both. Note what 20 per cent discount means:

Overcoats & Suits Always - \$10 20 Per Cent Off - - -

\$9.60 \$12

Every grade of Men's, Boys' and Children's Overcoats and Men's Suits will go at this immense discount, no matter whether the price is \$2 or \$35. Thus you can select just what pleases you, and still get the very biggest bargain ever offered. You'll have to be quick about seeing these, for this will be a sharp, decided sale.

Clothiers, Tailors and Hatters,

161-163 Federal Street.

ALLEGHENY.

WE WANT YOU

To examine our goods suitable for holiday gifts and the prices on same. 1,500 watches of all kinds from \$2.50 to \$35.
4,000 gold rings of every description from \$1 up.
125 pair genuine diamond ear drops, \$7.50 to \$1,000.
150 genuine diamond studs, \$5 to \$350 or solid gold spectacles at \$3 and the largest stock of diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware and clocks at lowest prices in the two

932 and 934 Liberty St. and 703, 705 and 707 Smithfield St. and 311 Smithfield St. Open every evening until 10 o'clock,

"EVERYTHING OPTICAL."

Instruments.

SPECTACLES, EYE GLASSES STIEREN MICROSCOPES, TELESCOPES. GRAPHOSCOPES, STEREOSCOPES. Mathematical

THE ONLY REASON n and Field Glasses For the continued increase of THE DISPATCH Want Ads is that they give satisfactory returns.

SURPRISING SUCCESSOF OUR GREAT



\$2.35 FOR CHOICE

From two large tables piled high with Cape Overcoats, in Kilt or Inverness styles, made of plaids, checks and plain effects, and lined throughout with warm cassimere; sizes 21/2 to 14; former prices \$4, \$4.50 and \$5.

\$4.78 FOR CHOICE

From a big line of Boys' Cape Overcoats, which previous to Christmas were marked \$6, \$7 and \$8; . among them are choice styles and materials, which are bound to please the most particular buyers.

\$6.65 FOR CHOICE

From a line of Young Men's black, blue, brown, gray, Oxford and tan Meltons and Kerseys, and black and bine Chinchilla and Beaver Overcoats; sizes 14 to 20, and worth from \$10 to \$15. These reductions will make the goods go lively.

FINE STEEL SKATES FREE Boy's Suit or Overcoat.

(Same as illustrated)

At this price we shall offer to-day a line of imported, tailor-made Kersey and Melton Overcoats in all different new shades, single or doublebreasted, and in every respect equal to custom work. These coats are really worth \$22,

The balance of the regular \$18 and \$20 Ulsters or Storm Overcoats, which, since Christmas, we are selling at the reduced price of \$12, will be closed out to-day at \$10. And, to make the line complete, we have added several other fine lots of our high-price garments, and so we will offer to-day a FINER ASSORTMENT OF STORM OVERCOATS FOR \$10 THAN YOU CAN FIND ELSEWHERE AT

HAT SNAPS



About 75 dozen of this popular Soft Hat (a great favorite), all regular \$5, \$4, \$3.50 and \$3 qualities, will be closed at

ONLY \$2.50. The balance of unrivaled Modjeska Hats, in \$5, \$4 and \$3 grades, have also

been marked down to \$2,50.

GOOD BY, SEAL CAPS! We won't pack away a single one. It's dangerous to carry over furs. We're afraid

of moths and dead capital. So here go re-ductions which will do the work: Former \$18 Seal Caps now \$12. Former \$15 Seal Caps now \$10. Former \$12 Seal Caps now \$7.50. Former \$5 Seal Caps now \$2.50.

WINTER CAPS, ALL KINDS,

Made of Plush, Astrakhan, Velour, Beaver, Chinchilla Cloths, etc., marked down to close before stock-taking:
All \$1.98 Winter Caps now \$1.35.
All \$1.75 Winter Caps now \$1.25.
All \$1.49 Winter Caps now 98c.
All \$1.24 Winter Caps now 69c.
All 98c Winter Caps now 49c.
All 75c Winter Caps now 39c.

1,000 Boys' Plush Telescope Caps, worth 50c, will go to-day at only

low-grade prices. Economical buyers, please note this.

ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS OVERCOATS

At this price we

shall offer to-day a lot of Men's fine, heavy weight Brown and Black Beaver Overcoats,

Double-Breasted

Made, trimmed and finished in a firstclass manner, and really worth \$15 each. Our special price

to-day,



out if you come to-day

Will buy choice.

ALMOST ANY PRICE.